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Dear Mr. Inskeep,

We thank you for your letter of 4th March, 1982 and enclose a copy of a response now forwarded to the Patent Office.

While it appears that the response to the final U.S. rejection was unsuccessful in relation to claims 7 to 11, the approach adopted in that response appears entirely appropriate. Additionally, under Australian practice, it is highly unlikely that the disclosure of Armstrong and Fredrickson could be successfully combined and, particularly in view of this, we have retained claims 7 to 11.

We shall keep you advised on progress with the application and, in the meanwhile, we enclose our debit note in this matter.

> Yours sincerely, PHILLIPS ORMONDE AND FITZPATRICK

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